

## MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1947.

## URBAN DISTRICT OF BOWDON.

## Section

## A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The area of the Urban District of Bowdon is 1090 acres. The Registrar General's estimate of the population is 3072.

The number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1947 according to the Rate Book was approximately 1,020.

The Rateable Value of the District is £41,159 and the sum represented by a penny rate is £156

The Social Conditions are good. The District is almost entirely residential. No industries are carried on and the population is but slightly affected by unemployment.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Live Births (Legitimate)	47	20	27
(Illegitimate)	—	—	—
	47	20	27
Still Births	2	1	1

Birth Rate per 1000 of estimated population = 15.71  
Still Birth Rate per 1000 total (live and still births) = 40.8

## DEATHS.

Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population. = 15.71  
Total Number of Deaths. = 49

## Deaths from Puerperal Causes.

Puerperal Sepsis. Nil. Rate per 1000 total births = Nil.  
Other puerperal Causes. Nil. " " " = Nil.

Total Number of Deaths of Infants under One Year. 2.

Death Rate-All infants per 1000 live births = 42.6  
Death Rate-Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate Live births. 42.6  
Death Rate-Illegitimate Infants per 1000 Illegitimate Live births. = Nil.

Deaths from Measles. (All ages) = Nil.  
" " Whooping Cough. (All ages) = Nil.  
" " Diarrhoea (Under two Years) = Nil.  
" " Cancer. = 7

There has been no excessive mortality from any cause, and there has been no outstanding cause of sickness or invalidity.

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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

1. (1) The Medical officer of Health is a part-time Officer.

The Sanitary Inspector, who also acts as Surveyor to the Council, is a whole time official. This position is filled by Mr. A. E. Shimmings, who holds the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and S. I. M. J. Board and the Meat Inspector's Certificate (R. S. I.).

(ii) (a) Laboratory Facilities. Materials are sent to the Public Health Laboratory Manchester.

(b) Ambulance Facilities. The Hale and Bowdon Joint Ambulance is available where necessary.

(c) Nursing in Homes. There is a district Nurse whose services are available where necessary.

(d) Clinics & Treatment Centres. None is provided by the Council, nor has the need for them arisen. The Cheshire County Council provide an Infant Clinic in Bowdon Vale.

(e) Hospitals. Altrincham General Hospital 100 beds is available for general and gynaecological cases. Obstetrical cases may be sent to St. Mary's Hospital Manchester. Use is also made of the Manchester Hospital for general cases. St. Anne's Home, Dunham Massey, is a hospital with 50 beds for diseases of the ear, nose and throat, and some medical cases are also admitted. There is an arrangement with Manchester for the reception of cases of smallpox should the need arise.

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) Water is supplied by the Manchester Corporation. Both quality and quantity have been satisfactory throughout the year.

(ii) Drainage & Sewerage. No extension has been made during the year, and none is required.

2. Rivers & Streams. The land treatment appears to be providing a satisfactory affluent.

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PREVALENCE OF & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS & OTHER DISEASES.

Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases was provided by Altrincham Isolation Hospital. This has proved ample and is used for most of such cases. Measles, Whooping Cough, and Scarlet Fever are normally nursed at home, but where considered advisable they can be admitted to Altrincham Isolation Hospital.

Diseases.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox.	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever.	1	—	—
Diphtheria.	—	—	—
Enteric Fever.	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia.	—	—	—
Pneumonia.	2	—	—
Erysipelas.	—	—	—
Whooping Cough.	—	—	—
Measles.	21	—	—
	23	—	Nil.

Other Diseases.

(a) Cancer.

There were 7 deaths from cancer during the year. No particular trade was affected. The localisation was as follows:-

Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum.	Nil.
Cancer of Breast.	Nil.
Other sites.	—
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The Holt Radium Institute, Manchester, is available for the treatment of Bowdon cases.

(b) Blindness.

Manchester Eye Hospital can be resorted to (persons suffering) for treatment. No preventive action has been necessary.

(c) Tuberculosis.

No action has been necessary with regard to persons suffering from tuberculosis in the milk trade.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Immunisation is carried out by the County Council's Welfare Centre, Priory Street, Bowdon.

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BOWDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1947.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report on the sanitary administration of the district for the year 1947.

Water Supplies.

The whole of the district is supplied direct to the house by the mains of the Manchester Corporation.

A constant supply of excellent quality has been maintained.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Small amounts of defective drains and sewers have been found and remedied during the year.

Sanitary Accommodation.

The whole of the district with the exception of a few outlying cottages are on the water carriage system.

Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

The collection is carried out by means of a Karriger Bantam Lorry with a trailer for waste paper and salvage towed behind.

Owing to the very acute shortage of labour it has not been possible to revert to the weekly emptying of ashbins.

Very few ashpits remain in the district, these are emptied about once per month.

Paper, rags, metals, bottles etc. are collected, sorted and sold.

Infectious Diseases.

We have been very fortunate in having very few cases of notifiable infectious diseases during the year.

After infection, the disinfection of houses is carried out free of charge.

Smoke Abatement.

During the year no complaints of smoke nuisance were received.

Factories.

No action has been necessary during the year.

Offensive Trades.

There are no offensive trades carried out in the Council's area.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(a) Milk Supply.

There are four retailers and eight producers in the area. These are constantly being inspected.

(b) No adulteration has been reported and no action has been necessary.

(c) Foodstuffs surrendered at Shops as unfit for Human Consumption.

Cheese	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Bacon	26 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Canned Foods.

Sausage	10 tins.	Spinach	14 tins
Pilchards.	5 "	Soup.	11 "
Milk.	28 "	Lunch Meat.	3 "
Steak & Kid'y	2 "	Poars.	2 "
Bacon.	1 "	Casserole St'k.	1 "
Peas.	52 "	Marmalade.	2 "
Beans.	41 "	Carrots.	28 "

(d) Slaughter of Animals Act 1933.

There are no slaughter houses or knackers yards in the area. One licence to slaughter has been issued.

Rodent Control.

This work is carried out by men picked from the Council workmen, as and when required. The Ministry of Foods recommended methods are used. A 10% sewer test was carried out with gratifying results.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

A.E. SHIMMINGS,

Sanitary Inspector.